IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figures 3 and 5. These sheets, which include Figures 1-5, replace the original sheets including Figures 1-5.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in view of the present amendments and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3, 5-11, 13, and 15-20 are pending. No new matter is introduced.

In the outstanding Office Action, the drawings was objected to as containing informalities, and pending Claims 1, 3, 5-11, 13, and 15-20 were indicated as allowable.

The Ex parte Quayle action indicates that the present application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters relating to the drawings. In particular, the Office Action noted that the claimed "a first phase modulator" and "a second phase modulator" are not shown in the drawings.

Accordingly, Applicants have amended Figures 3 and 5 to show that the phase modulator 34 includes a first phase modulator and a second phase modulator. Support for this feature may be found in the originally filed specification, at least, on pages 20-21. Thus, no new matter is introduced. Consequently, Applicants respectfully request that the objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

No further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance for Claims 1, 3, 5-11, 13, and 15-20 is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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